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Members Present: Aleatha Dickerson, Julie Rawlings, Deborah Perry, Emma Simmons, Darrell Thorpe, Gloria Hincapie, Mary Falvey RN, Maria Barros, RN, Helena Friedman

Members Excused Absent: Yvette Mendez, Jennifer Chaves, Maria Sansiveri, Janet Anderson, Norma Hardy

Members Unexcused Absent: Vinnie Velasquez,

HEALTH Staff Present: Rilwan Feyisitan, Lisa Hawthorne

Guest: Lisa Piscatelli (YWCA),, Lara Watkins(FSCS-Prov.)

I. Meeting was called to order by: Aleatha Dickerson, MHAC Co-Chair.

Welcome from Host Agency:

- Deborah Perry provided an overview of services provided by the YWCA-NRI. She spent time reviewing the (3) main areas they are currently addressing: work with residents in the Constitution Hill area of Woonsocket, eye health, and Youth Tobacco Advocacy Group (Y-Tag).

2010 MHAC Annual Meeting Review

- We had over 100 people in attendance for the meeting
- The feedback from MHAC members and participants was all positive.
- People really felt they were heard

MHAC Recommendations for future meetings-

- A microphone would have been beneficial due to large group.
- More time was desired to develop clear next steps.
- An over all meeting evaluation was requested. All participants will receive one via e-mail.

IV. 2010 HEALTH-Legislative Agenda

- Lisa Hawthorne from the RI Department of Health presented on legislative initiatives that are being incorporated into a social marketing campaign. Notes form that presentation are attached
- Maria Barros also sits on the Governors long term planning council. She was will to share information as it relates to the work of the advisory.

MHAC Request-

- General Assembly Committee member/chairs of each piece of legislation be sent to the committee
- Dates of hearing be sent electronically
- Periodic e-mail blast on how the legislation is progressing



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OMH-NPA Crosswalk discussion

- Rilwan Feyisitan from Health started leading the group through the crosswalk. The presentation and prioritization were not finished due to the extend discussion on the legislative media campaign. This agenda item will be continued at a future meeting.

Minority Health Advisory Business

- _ OMH State Office Updates: Rilwan Feyisitan informed the group that Minority Health Promotion Specialist position had been filled. The anticipated start date is March 1, 20010. Advisory members were asked to respond to 3 request.

1- MHAC members were asked to please submit list of alternates.

2-MHAC were asked to reply to the email from Health regarding the H1N1 event being planned

3-MHAC members have been asked to please submit any event in April for the Minority Health Month calendar of Events

_State Agency Partner Updates: None